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The Honorable Charles Ferrini
Chief Clerk and Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
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Dear Mr. Ferrini:

Here is the original of my motion to
correct the narrow focus of the proceeding,
Docket no. 2005-385-E.

Please circulate these copies to the
Commissioners, the Office of Regulatory
Staff, Court reporters. I'm sending
e-mail copies to the parties of record.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2005-385-E

In the Matter of:

Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff to
Establish Dockets to Consider Implementing
the Requirements of 1251 (Net Metering and
Additional Standards of the Energy Policy Act
of 2005

) RUTH THOMAS
) MOTION TO CORRECT
) THE NARROW FOCUS
) OF THIS PROCEEDING
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The proceeding and the Commission directive to date on this Docket have focused on net metering, which is an important topic, but not the only topic addressed in Section 1251.

The Commission directive of August 8, 2007 restricted its comments to net metering and smart metering and did not address the diverse fuel sources and technologies component of Section 1251. The hearing to be held April 22, 2008 is to address some of the net metering tariffs.

The Office of Regulatory Staff and the Commission are not following the requirement regarding renewable technologies included in Section 1251:

“(12) FUEL SOURCES. – Each electric utility shall develop a plan to minimize dependence on 1 fuel source and to ensure that the electric energy it sells to consumers is generated using a diverse range of fuels and technologies, including renewable technologies.”

(Energy Policy Act of 2005, Section 1251 a) 12

While net metering offers the potential to increase the feasibility of solar voltaic and wind turbines in distributed generation, the broader issue is whether, and how, utilities can increase the share of renewable technologies in their generating mix. This issue has not yet received the attention needed to frame South Carolina's response to the mandates in Section 1251.

I, therefore, request that the Commission grant my motion to correct the narrow focus of this proceeding so that a diverse range of fuels and technologies, including renewable technologies, is among the topics of this proceeding, as required by the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Section 1251 a, paragraph 12.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of April 2008

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